

Motion: Resolution Supporting the Lowell Police Department

Whereas, the Massachusetts General Court is currently considering legislation aimed at sweeping police reform, to include fundamental changes in civil service process, collective bargaining, labor management and qualified immunity for our police officers; and

Whereas, the Lowell City Council has witnessed our police officers perform to the highest level of professionalism even through a pandemic, civil unrest, and economic shutdown; and

Whereas, the Lowell Police Department was recognized as one of 15 exemplary police departments "Nation Wide" for best practices in Law Enforcement by President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Whereas, it is recognized by the Lowell City Council that our officers have always been sensitive to issues of fairness and justice and have responded with care and compassion to the members of our community.

Be it resolved, that the Lowell City Council fully support the women and men who serve the city of Lowell on the police force; and further, condemn any and all actions to delegitimize, insult, harass, threaten, and/or use violence against the institution of law enforcement.

Be it resolved that the Lowell City Council wish to convey to the Massachusetts General Court that we stand with our police department in solidarity and support of not diminishing their current civil service process, collective bargaining, labor management and qualified immunity.

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